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Hearing Set in Spy Case

■ A federal appeals court in Richmond will hear arguments on whether classified information may be used in the Alexandria trial of a former Army

counterintelligence specialist accused of passing information to a Soviet KGB officer.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted the hearing yesterday, but set no date for the hearing involving Richard Craig Smith, 41, of Bellevue, Wash. An attorney for Smith said it probably would be June 4.

Smith, who had worked as a civilian and a sergeant for the Army Security and Intelligence Command, was accused last year of disclosing the identities of six U.S. double agents to a Soviet KGB officer stationed in, Tokyo for \$11,000.